



Havre Job Service Employers' Committee  
Regular Meeting  
September 13, 2006

Members Present:

Gail Rainey  
Wendy Lynn Gerky  
Carol Jestrab  
Garnet Bergren  
Sylvia Murray  
Dolores Plumage  
Cathy Jamruszka  
Kellie Rasmussen  
Joe Schmier

Job Service Staff Present:

Barry Remus, JSEC Coordinator  
Pam Harada, Manager

Guests:

Members Absent:

Mona Ojeda  
Mike Hamilton  
Darrel Hannum  
Kati Purkett

**What's New at Job Service?** Brenda, Lindy and Pam attended a WoRC (Work Readiness Component – assists welfare clients address their barriers) Conference in Billings that was very good. Barry has been in Helena at the Montana Works Action committee meeting – deals with our employment exchange system. A handout on local Job Service web sites and some state websites with the number of visits and pages viewed was passed out. Our office has started brainstorming how to reach our office goal of helping youth- one thing we may do is enhance our office website for youth.

**Treasurer's Report:** The balance is \$177.38.

**Sub Committee Reports:**

**Seminar** – We are going to sponsor a seminar by Jim Nys on Montana Employer Rights & Responsibilities on October 18 at Hill County Electric. More information will be sent out as soon as it is received. The committee met with Carol, from Havre Job Service, to discuss further the soft skills workshops. We are still not sure if we will do them or not. The committee will meet after October 18 to make more seminar decisions.

**Outreach** – They have not met yet but Cathy has emailed the members of the committee and has not received any responses back. They are working on getting a list of service organizations from the newspaper and have already gotten a list from the Havre Chamber.

**Labor Day Report:** This is a report by the Research & Analysis Bureau of the Montana Department of Labor and Industry and is an overview of the Montana economy, including more in depth topics such as County Industry/Economic Diversity, Industry and Occupational Projections (2004 – 2014), Reservation Economic Data, and Wage Distributions. Pam passed out some selected sheets from the report – one was on

Montana's low unemployment rate – which leads to a lot of the help wanted problems in Montana. *Handout enclosed.* We are getting some hard copies of the report. If you want one let Barry know. If you want to view the full report go to [www.ourfactsyourfuture.mt.gov](http://www.ourfactsyourfuture.mt.gov) and the report is in the upper right hand corner.

**Yearly Goals and Plans.** The committee believes that the goals that were decided were to keep doing seminars to educate employers and to raise revenue for items for the Employer Reference Room and doing a newsletter. Another goal is to raise awareness of JSEC and the new employer web site such as by participation in presentations to community groups.

A long discussion was held on how we could distribute the newsletter less costly. The consensus was if we could email to more then there would be less cost of printing. In the next newsletter we will ask for email addresses again and then maybe have a calling campaign by the membership to get email addresses. Right now we cannot afford to put out a newsletter – last one cost \$232 for printing – we have \$177.38.

**JSEC Employer Resource Guide.** The August statistics for the [www.havrejsec.com](http://www.havrejsec.com) website shows 125 unique visitors in August with a total of 207 visits and 505 pages viewed. “Havre Job Service” and “turndown letter” were the key phrases most frequently searched. The committee wants to keep getting the complete printed report.

**Open Forum:** Sylvia reported that the Montana Indian Business Alliance is going to contract with Consumer Credit Counseling to train Native Americans to do one on one credit counseling on the Blackfoot, Crow and Little Shell reservations. If it works than they will do the same at all reservations.

Delores reported that the State Tourism Committee would meet in Glasgow October 1 – 3. If you have any ideas on tourism talk to Delores.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE *WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11, 2006 AT 11:30AM AT JOB SERVICE.***